

Y13 Revision

RE – ETHICS

THEME 3 - UTILITARIANISM / SITUATION ETHICS



AO1 – Utilitarianism

Classical Utilitarianism – Jeremy Bentham Act

J.S Mill – development = rule

Application to animal experimentation for medical research / nuclear weapons as a deterrent

AO2

- The degree to which pleasure can be seen as the sole intrinsic good.
- The extent to which Act and/or Rule Utilitarianism works in contemporary society.
- The extent to which Rule Utilitarianism provides a better basis for making moral decisions than Act Utilitarianism.
- Whether Utilitarianism promotes immoral behaviour.
- The extent to which Utilitarianism promotes justice.
- The extent to which Utilitarianism provides a practical basis for making moral decisions for both religious believers and non-believers.